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SUBJECT: CSCE BELGRADE: US-SOVIET BILATERAL OCTOBER 3

SUMMARY. CHIEF SOVIET DELEGATE YULI VORONTSOV INVITED  
AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG TO A PRIVATE LUNCH WITH JUST THE TWO OF  
THEM PRESENT. COVERSATION WAS IN NATURE OF A TOUR D'HORIZON  
WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES.  
END SUMMARY.

1. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL BUT WITH  
SOME HINT FROM VORONTSOV THAT HE HOPED US DELEGATION  
WAS NOT DETERMINED TO EXPLORE IN DEPTH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
ALL ASPECTS OF THE FINAL ACT. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG REPLIED  
THAT WE WOULD REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SHORTCOMINGS IN  
APPROPRIATE FORA BUT WOULD DO SO IN A NON-POLEMICAL AND  
NON-CONFRONTATIONAL MANNER.

2. VORONTSOV SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN MILITARY ASPECTS  
AND EXPRESSED THAT DESIRE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE  
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US DELEGATION WHEN CMBS WERE DISCUSSED. VORONTSOV SAID THAT  
HIS AUTHORITIES COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY REDUCTION IN THE 25,000  
FIGURE WITH REGARD TO NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS.  
HE ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS AND INDICATED  
THAT THE US HAD MADE CERTAIN COMMITMENTS IN THIS REGARD.  
AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY  
COMMITMENTS BUT WOULD INQUIRE IMMEDIATELY.

COMMENT: PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF ANY COMMITMENTS  
HAVE BEEN MADE WITH RESPECT TO CMBS AT BELGRADE MEETING AND  
IF SO THE NATURE OF SUCH COMMITMENTS. END COMMENT.

3. VORONTSOV EXPRESSED SOME APPREHENSION ABOUT STATEMENT  
THAT MIGHT BE MADE BY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES AT SAVA CENTER  
MEETINGS OR OUTSIDE. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG SAID THAT HE EXPECTED  
PEOPLE IN SUCH RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES  
IN A REASONABLE MANNER BUT THAT HE COULD NOT, OF COURSE,  
GIVE VORONTSOV ANY GUARANTEES.

4. VORONTSOV AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG THAT  
CSCE WAS AN ONGOING PROCESS AND THAT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE OUR  
MEETING ON TIME AND TO ASSURE CONTINUATION WE SHOULD NOT DELAY  
FOR LONG WORK ON THE DRAFTING OF A CONCLUDING DOCUMENT.  
THEY AGREED THAT THEY WOULD NAME APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF  
THEIR DELEGATIONS TO BEGIN EXPLORATION OF THIS TOPIC.

5. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG TOLD VORONTSOV THAT REPRESSION  
IS MORALLY WRONG AND THAT IT INVARIABLY CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR THE  
RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION. VORONTSOV REPLIED THAT WHAT IS  
SOMETIMES CALLED REPRESSION IN THE SOVIET UNION IS SIMPLY  
RESPECT FOR ITS LAWS AND REGULATIONS. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG  
EXPRESSED REGRET ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF SCHARANSKIY,  
PARTICULARLY SINCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE US HAD MADE IT VERY  
CLEAR THAT HE HAD CONDUCTED A PERSONAL INVESTIGATION AND  
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HAD DETERMINED THAT SCHARANSKIY WAS NOT CONNECTED WITH ANY  
US ORGANIZATION VORONTSOV REPLIED THAT THE  
PRESIDENT WAS NOT IN POSSESSION OF ALL THE FACTS. AMBASSADOR  
GOLDBERG REJOINED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS NOT THE TYPE OF  
PERSON WHO MAKES A STATEMENT OF SUCH CONSEQUENCE WITHOUT  
BEING VERY SURE OF WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT.

6. AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF FREEDOM  
OF RELIGION AND BELIEF AS EXPRESSED IN THE SEVENTH PRINCIPLE.  
VORONTSOV AVOIDED DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER. AMBASSADOR  
GOLDBERG SUGGESTED FURTHER BILATERAL MEETINGS WHERE SUCH  
ISSUES COULD BE DISCUSSED FRANKLY.  
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